



## Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

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February 20, 2014  
9:30 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission convened on November 21, 2013 at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

### Members Present

Cecil Patterson, Jr, Chair (phone)  
Cindi Nannetti, Vice-Chair  
Alice Bustillo  
Tom Callahan  
Chad Campbell  
Robert Duber  
Charles Flanagan  
Helen Gándara  
Dan Goldfine  
Mason Hunt  
Jane Kallal

Richard Layton  
Nancy Landry  
Rob Lubitz  
Vada Jo Phelps  
Dennis Pickering  
Tom Pickrell  
Chris Schopen  
Marilyn Seymann  
Robert Thomas  
Myrtle Young

### Members Absent

Robert Brutinel  
Heather Carter  
Joseph Grossman

James Molina  
Shaun Rieve

### Staff and Guests Present

Tammy B. Paz-Combs  
Ryan Carkhuff  
Karen Hobbs  
Dona Markley  
Kathy McLaughlin  
Sonya Pierce-Johnson

John Raeder  
David Redpath  
Steve Selover  
Bob Shogren  
Marcia Stanton  
John Vivian

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and asked Vice-Chair Nannetti to facilitate the meeting due to his participation being by phone.

#### **B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Nannetti requested introductions by all present.

#### **C. OVERVIEW OF THE DAY**

Mr. John Raeder, Juvenile Justice Specialist, stated that the goal for the meeting was to identify and prioritize key activities, initiatives and/or projects for the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) to focus on in 2014. During the meeting the Commission will build on the foundation developed at last year's planning session, in which Priority Areas were selected that align with the federal grant requirements. The Commission's current priorities are listed below:

##### Juvenile Justice - Title II Formula Grant

- Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Juvenile Justice System Improvement
- Mental Health Services
- Indian Tribe Programs

##### Child Welfare – Children's Justice Act Grant

- Support the creation, development and/or on-going operations of Multidisciplinary Teams
- Support the creation, development, and/or on-going operations of child/family advocacy centers

Mr. Raeder also explained that the Commission would not be identifying activities for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) priorities because it did not receive a funding allocation in the Federal 2014 budget.

#### **D. DIVISION FOR CHILD SAFETY AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Director Charles Flanagan presented on the Child Advocate Response Examination (CARE) Team Report and provided an update on the Division for Child Safety and Family Services. The presentation included: information about reports of child abuse and neglect that were not investigated as required by law and policy; a comprehensive analysis of the points where a child might be at risk due to decision making failures or a lack of policies and processes; an examination of why and how demand exceeds capacity and how to mitigate the consequences; and a series of recommendations designed to improve child safety and agency effectiveness. Director Flanagan made the following recommendations to the Commission:

- Continued support of multi-disciplinary teams and child advocacy centers, including the expansion of this practice to areas of rural Arizona;
- Expansion of the *Children's Justice Training Program* to address CARE Team recommendations; and
- Continued support of the Crossover Youth Practice Model.

#### **E. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**

Ms. Marcia Stanton, Phoenix Children's Hospital, presented on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. The ACE Study is scientific research which clearly shows the link

between adverse experiences in childhood (abuse, neglect, household violence and dysfunction) and risky behaviors and health problems in adulthood. This connection makes it imperative that pediatric care providers recognize this important link and begin developing strategies to protect children from the harmful effects of adverse childhood experiences.

Ms. Stanton made the following recommendations to the Commission:

- Support meaningful investment in evidence based prevention and early intervention services to reduce toxic stress;
- Develop best practice guidelines for use of ACE data to improve multidisciplinary care and investigations;
- Focus on incorporating pediatricians into local multidisciplinary child abuse investigation teams, especially in rural Arizona;
- Add a pediatrician/MD, and/or other professional with ACE research knowledge to the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission membership; and
- Develop/include course on toxic stress in the *Children's Justice Training Program*.

#### **F. ARIZONA CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCACY NETWORK**

Ms. Kathy McLaughlin provided information on the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network (ACFAN) which provides support, training and guidance to all advocacy centers in Arizona and the professionals who coordinate services and respond to family violence and sexual assault. ACFAN was created to support communities seeking to establish and improve advocacy centers and current advocacy programs to better serve abused and neglected children and their families. Ms. McLaughlin made the following recommendations to the Commission:

- Arizona legislates a definition of "advocacy center";
- Arizona creates sources of state funding to support advocacy centers;
- Governor issues a Proclamation in April (Child Abuse Awareness Month) recognizing advocacy centers as "Best Practice";
- Arizona continues to provide a Child Safety and Family Services liaison to advocacy centers;
- The Drug Endangered Children (DEC) training be included in the *Children's Justice Training Program*; and
- The co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse is included in the *Children's Justice Training Program*.

#### **G. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

Mr. David Redpath, Administrative Office of the Courts, presented on the *Arizona's Juvenile Court Counts* publication, which provides an overview of the juveniles processed at various stages of the juvenile justice system statewide during each fiscal year. The data for this report are drawn from the fifteen Juvenile Courts' Juvenile On-Line Tracking System (JOLTS). Selected breakdowns of an unduplicated juvenile count are presented at the following stages: Referral; Diversion; Petition; Dispositions of Dismissed; Penalty Only; Standard Probation; Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision; Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections; Direct Filed in and Transferred to Adult Court; and Juveniles Detained.

#### **H. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS**

Dr. John Vivian, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, provided a presentation on the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) data. The presentation included information on the following: ADJC commitments; demographics; types of adjudications; criminogenic needs; treatment needs; and length of stay. Dr. Vivian also discussed recidivism rates for Arizona. Dr. Vivian made the following recommendations to the Commission:

- Examine the impact of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) on the continuation of federal grant funds and the distribution of those funds;
- Continued focus/support on the use of the Crossover Youth Practice Model;
- Continued support of the efforts of the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking; and
- Continued focus and support of state-wide adoption of the Arizona Youth Assessment System (AZYAS) tool.

#### **I. ARIZONA JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION STRATEGIC THINKING SESSION**

Mr. Bob Shogren, Director, Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, served as the facilitator for the *Strategic Thinking* portion of the meeting. Mr. Shogren asked members of the Commission to review the current Priority Areas in the context of the presentations and consider if they are still appropriate given the existing climate of juvenile justice and child welfare in Arizona. After careful consideration, the Commission members reaffirmed that the Priority Areas still reflected areas of great need in Arizona.

Mr. Shogren then focused the Commissioners on activities, initiatives or projects the Commission should focus on in 2014 within the framework of the exiting Priority Areas. Mr. Shogren provided the Commissioners with a visioning exercise which required members to write a letter to the president in 2019 detailing the "...cutting edge work in developing systems that have substantially addressed child welfare and juvenile justice issues through collaborative efforts at both the state and local levels". Members were given 20-30 minutes to complete the exercise utilizing the worksheet provided by Mr. Shogren.

Upon completion of the visioning exercise, Mr. Shogren facilitated a discussion in which Commissioners expressed their strongest ideas for each of the Priority Areas. These ideas were captured on flip charts. Mr. Shogren then instructed the Commissioners to vote for the top activities, initiatives or projects in each area. Members were given three votes, represented by dots, for each of the areas contained in the exercise. Members could only vote for activities, initiatives or projects once in the respective areas.

The notes and results of the Strategic Thinking Session will be compiled and put into a report to be shared with members of the Commission on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

#### **J. CLOSING REMARKS**

Ms. Nannetti thanked members for their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Tammy B. Paz-Combs, Acting Director, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, also thanked the members of the Commission for their hard work.

#### **K. ADJOURN**

Ms. Nannetti adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.